

ABSTRACT

[47] A method and healthcare streamlining system comprising the steps of a healthcare provider uploading an appointment schedule onto a global network communications system; and a patient accessing the appointment schedule over the global network communications system, selecting an available time on the appointment schedule for an appointment, inputting patient information and securing the appointment by verifying a patient's insurance or with an electronic payment. The patient then enters the healthcare provider's office on the scheduled day and the healthcare provider renders medical services to the patient. The patient then leaves the healthcare provider's office and may schedule a follow-up visit if necessary.

[48] An alternative method and healthcare streamlining system is provided for patients who are traveling abroad where the patient may access a healthcare provider in a particular area. The alternative method includes the steps of: a healthcare provider uploading an appointment schedule onto a global network communications system; and a patient accessing the appointment schedule over the global network communications system; and a patient accessing the appointment schedule over the global network system by inputting healthcare provider-related information. The patient then selects an available time on the healthcare provider's appointment schedule, inputs patient information and secure the appointment through a preauthorized insurance verification procedure or with an electronic payment.